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PATENT

GROUP 3600

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Joseph R. Offutt, et al.

Appl. No.: 09/275,887

Filed: March 25, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING
NON-OBVIOUS SAVINGS IN THE PURCHASE OF GOODS

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

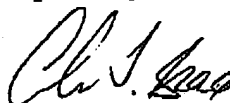
- This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002.
- Applicant is ☐ a small entity; ☒ other than a small entity.
- Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

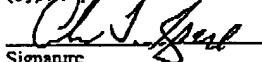
Total Months Requested	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$410.00	\$205.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$930.00	\$465.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,450.00	\$725.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months*	\$1,970.00	\$985.00

*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the \$930 fee and for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,

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